

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, claim 23 is cancelled. Since this amendment places the case in better condition of appeal or allowance, this amendment should be entered as a matter of right, which is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,473,450). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 21 because Yamada fails to disclose (or suggest) a structure that encloses a part of the liquid crystals to form at least one domain in each display pixel.


The Examiner asserts on page 3 of the outstanding Office Action that Yamada discloses in FIGs. 10A-10B a liquid crystal display device that has a structure 8 which partitions the liquid crystal layer and encloses a part of the liquid crystals to form at least one domain in each display pixel. However, Yamada teaches polymer walls 8 that define liquid crystal regions 9. As further discussed with respect to FIGs. 24A-D, a liquid crystal region d is different from a domain g. FIGs. 24A-D show for one pixel b there is a polymerable region f that surrounds the liquid crystal region d. The polymerable region f, which the Examiner asserts is equivalent to the structure of the present invention, does not enclose a part of the liquid crystals to form at least one domain in each pixel display. This is because the domains g shown in FIGs. 24A-D of Yamada are located outside of the polymerable region f. Accordingly, since Yamada fails to disclose or suggest a structure enclosing a part of the liquid crystals to form at

least one domain in each display pixel, withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of claims 21-22 is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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